

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Specification as indicated by the following. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Please amend the Specification by adding the following paragraph after line 3 of page 6:

Figure 8 is a diagram showing exemplary steps involved in fabricating a garment protector according to embodiments of the present invention.

Please amend page 6 line 11 – page 7 line 2 of the Specification as indicated below, wherein markup is employed to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the improved garment protector (15), forming the subject matter hereof. Preferably, the garment protector (15) is made of a polythene, usually polyethylene, and is transparent in order to determine the contents of the garment protector. However, the garment protector of the present invention may also be opaque in order to conceal its contents. Furthermore, the garment protector may also be fabricated of paper, provided with zones of weakness as described herein. The subject garment protector (15), consists of a single-ply

transparent film which is fabricated via a tubular extrusion (see step 801 of Figure 8) and thus is seamless on either sides (20,25), open at the bottom (30) and partially sealed at the upper end (35). The upper end of the polyethylene tubular casing is sealed together by an inclined seam (40) in order to form an envelope or bag which hangs over and encloses the garments. The inclined seam (40) is properly angled to ensure an adequately shaped shoulder area that will conform loosely to the shape of the enclosed garment. In one embodiment of the present invention, the area above the inclined seam (50) is open at the top end (35). However, in a further embodiment, the top end (35) of the garment protector (15) may be completely sealed.

Please amend page 11 lines 1-11 of the Specification as indicated below, wherein markup is employed to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version:

With respect to Figure 8 it is noted that there ~~There~~ are numerous manufacturing methods apparent to those skilled in the art, to create zones of weakness during the fabrication of the polythene garment protector. In one embodiment, a perforated score line is created by a wheel which passes down the center of the garment protector (15) (step 805) as the polythene film is processed along an

assembly belt (step 803). In a further embodiment, a perforated score line or another zone of weakness may be created by a laser emitting its energy in the form of an electro-optic beam (step 805). In yet a further embodiment, a strip of less durable and/or less resilient material is used in the zone of weakness during fabrication of the polyethylene garment protector. The methods described herein are only exemplary and it is to be understood that various manufacturing methods known by those skilled in the art can be employed to create various zones of weakness upon which the garment protector may be easily and quickly torn to facilitate its removal.